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This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

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1. Basis of the report

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2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).

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6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1

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Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

The present invention provides improvements in the feedback and control systems employed in the field of ventilation therapy. In particular, a system for delivering a supply of gases to a patient is described which incorporates a detachable cartridge or open tubular section (22) used to house a mechanism (11) which senses the humidity, temperature, flow and other attributes of the flowing gas. Information obtained from the sensor may be used to provide feedback to a controller (9) which controls the humidification mechanism in order to provide optimally humidified gases to a patient (1). It will be appreciated that the feedback and control systems as described in the preferred embodiment of the present invention can be used in respiratory care generally or with ventilator.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
DWPI: lim, humid, water, vapor, vapour, sens, transduc, probe, detect, feedback, control, remov, decouple, detach, releas, disengag, A61M 16/ - A62B

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 6102037 (Koch) 15 August 2000 Abstract, Fig. 1, column 3 line 26 - column 12 line 65	1-25
X	US 6050260 (DANIELL) 18 April 2000 Abstract, Fig. 1,2, column 3 line 40 - column 7 line 24.	1-25
X	JP 09-234247 (NIKKISO Y S I K K) 9 September 1997 Abstract, Fig. 1.	1-25

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P,X	EP 1329240 A1 ((FISHER & PAYKEL LIMITED) 23 July 2003 Abstract, Fig 1-6, page 2 line 46 - page 15 line 24.	1-25
P,X	WO 2003/018096 A1 (MAP MEDIZIN-TECHNOLOGIE GMBH) 6 March 2003 Abstract, Fig. 1,2, page 1 line 3 - page 12 line 21.	1-25
X	US 2002/0100320 A1 (SMITH) 1 August 2002 Abstract, Fig.1-6, page 1 paragraph [0006] - page 4 paragraph [0064].	1-25

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